

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-20. (cancelled)

21. (new) A motion guide for use with a machine having a table comprising:
a body portion defining a top surface and a bottom surface, wherein the body further includes a first side extending between the top surface and the bottom surface, and a second side extending between the top surface and the bottom surface;
a first elongate slot formed in the body and extending parallel to the first side, the first elongate slot having a first closed end and a second closed end;
a second elongate slot formed in the body and extending parallel to the second side, the second elongate slot having a first closed end and a second closed end; and
wherein the first elongate slot and the second elongate slot are non-parallel.

22. (new) The motion guide of claim 21, wherein an angle is defined between the first side and the second side, the angle being greater than zero.

23. (new) The motion guide of claim 22, wherein the angle is an acute angle.

24. (new) The motion guide of claim 21, wherein the body further comprises a third side extending between the first side and the second side; wherein a plurality of fingers extends from the third side.

25. (new) The motion guide of claim 24, further comprising an alignment member extending away from the body portion.

26. (new) The motion guide of claim 55, wherein the plurality of fingers each have a terminus tip at a first distance from the third side and the alignment member has a terminus tip at a second distance from the third side, the second distance being less than the first distance.

27. (new) The motion guide of claim 21, further comprising a first fastener disposed in the first elongate slot and a second fastener disposed in the second elongate slot.

28. (new) A motion guide for use with a machine having a table comprising:
a body portion defining a top surface and a bottom surface, wherein the body further includes a first side extending between the top surface and the bottom surface and a second side extending between the top surface and the bottom surface; the first side and the second side positioned at an acute angle with respect to one another;

a first elongate slot having a first closed end and a second closed end, the first elongate slot disposed through the body;

a second elongate slot having a first closed end and a second closed end, the second elongate slot disposed through the body; and

a third side extending between the first side and the second side.

29. (new) The motion guide of claim 28, wherein the first elongate slot and the second elongate slot are non-parallel.

30. (new) The motion guide of claim 28, wherein the first elongate slot and the second elongate slot define an angle, wherein the angle is an acute angle.

31. (new) The motion guide of claim 28, further comprising a plurality of fingers extending a first distance from the third side.

32. (new) The motion guide of claim 31, further comprising an alignment member extending from the body portion, wherein the alignment member extends a shorter distance from the third side than do the plurality of fingers.

33. (new) The motion guide of claim 31, wherein a gap is defined between each of the plurality of fingers.

34. (new) The motion guide of claim 32, wherein the alignment member has a length, such that when a work surface of a workpiece is positioned adjacent to the alignment member and parallel to the third side, the plurality of fingers exert a predetermined amount of force on the work surface.

35. (new) The motion guide of claim 28, further comprising a fourth side extending between the first side and the second side, the fourth side including a curved surface portion.

36. (new) A motion guide for use with a machine having a table comprising:
a body portion defining a top surface and a bottom surface, wherein the body further includes a first side extending between the top surface and the bottom surface, a second side extending between the top surface and the bottom surface, and a third side extending between the top surface and the bottom surface, the third side extending from the first side to the second side;

a first elongate slot disposed through the body;

a second elongate slot disposed through the body;

a plurality of flexible fingers extending from the third side, each of the flexible fingers having a terminus tip away from the third side, wherein the terminus tip of each of the flexible fingers is at a first distance from the third side; and

an alignment member extending from the body portion, the alignment member having a terminus tip away from the third side, wherein the terminus tip of the alignment member is at a second distance from the third side, wherein the second distance is less than the first distance.

37. (new) The motion guide of claim 36, wherein the second elongate slot is non-parallel relative to the first elongate slot.

38. (new) The motion guide of claim 36, wherein the body portion further comprises a fourth side extending between the top surface and the bottom surface, the fourth side extending between the first side and the second side.

39. (new) The motion guide of claim 36, wherein the alignment member has a length, such that when a work surface of a workpiece is positioned proximate the alignment member and parallel to the third side, the plurality of flexible fingers exert a predetermined amount of force on the work surface.

40. (new) The motion guide of claim 36, wherein the plurality of flexible fingers extend from the body at an acute angle with respect to the third side.

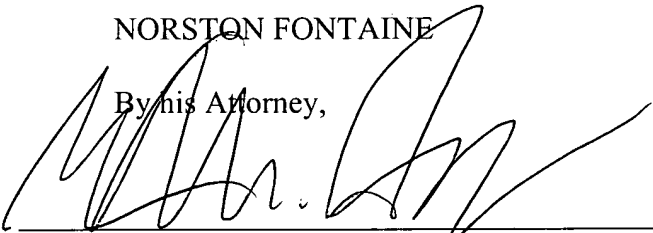
Examination and consideration are respectfully requested. It is respectfully submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance, issuance of a Notice of Allowance in due course is requested. If a telephone conference might be of assistance, please contact the undersigned attorney at (612) 677-9050.

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